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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Philip S. Green

Application No.: 08/709,930

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated December 4, 1998 for two months, from March 4, 1999 to May 4, 1999. A Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$190 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in duplicate.

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